

## **SERVICE for the LORD'S DAY**

**Worship theme:** Pious words alone are not evidence of citizenship in God's kingdom. What is necessary is serious obedience to God's requirements: doing what God wills.

### **THE GATHERING**

Greeting and Announcements for the Day

The Organ Prelude: *We prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

**Call to Worship** (*The Liturgist*)

**\* Hymn**

**Prayer of Invocation:** *We acknowledge God's presence among us.*

**\* The Doxology** (The Hymnal, # 809 )

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Scripture Lessons:**

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 6: 9-22

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 1: 16-17 and 3:23-26

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:21-29

**The Children's Sermon**

**\* Hymn**

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

**The Morning Concerns:** *We share our joys and sorrows to be lifted up in prayer.*

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Prayer of Confession:** (*Minister and People*)

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

**The Assurance of Pardon** (*The Minister*)

**The Peace:** *As ones who are forgiven, we exchange a sign of peace with one another.*

## THE COMMUNION

**The Offering:** *With the offering of bread and wine, we offer the gifts of our life and labor to the Lord.*

### Special Music

#### The Communion

The words of Institution and Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
The Breaking of the Bread  
Sharing the Bread and Cup  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving following the Communion.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

**\*Hymn**

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

**The Organ Postlude**

Note to Cathy:

At Jim's invitation I have shuffled the service around quite a bit! I have followed mainly the *Directory for Worship* and *The Book of Common Worship*. Technically, we ought to have run it by the Session, but that is hardly possible. I take Jim at his word when he says. "Feel free . . ." I prepare the bulletins at Trinity Church, so I understand the difficulties of fitting the various parts of the service into the bulletin format!

I would like to have the Prayer of Confession included, also the prayer after the communion; but if that is too much I'll do it solo!

Sermon topic to come later by email -- when I have thought up one!

Charlie

